

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8:05pm  
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

**Present:** R Gardner, Cllr K Binding, Cllr R Patient, Cllr S May, Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr M Strubel, Cllr D Weir, Cllr Mrs M Weir and Cllr Mrs P Young.

- 1. To elect a Chairman for the Civic Year 2017-18:**  
Cllr Mrs P Young nominated Cllr R Gardner for Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Shaw and carried with the majority of Members in agreement.
- 2. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the Civic Year 2017-18:**  
Cllr Mrs L Shaw nominated Cllr S May for Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs P Young and carried with the majority of Members in agreement.
- 3. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:**  
Cllr Mrs E Gadsdon had given apologies.  
Members **received** the apologies tendered.
- 4. Declarations of any:**
  - a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;**
  - b) **Other Pecuniary Interest; or**
  - c) **Non-Pecuniary Interest****on any matter on the agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017:**  
None were declared.
- 5. Public Forum:**  
No members of the public were present.
- 6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 meeting:**  
The Minutes of the Meeting were **approved** and Members agreed to the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting.
- 7. Action Update List – May 2017 (no items):**  
Members noted there were no items on the Action Update List.
- 8. Financial Report – April 2017:**  
There were no questions and Members **accepted** the Financial Report.
- 9. Request from resident re unmade section of Thorpe Road: request for Parish to erect suitable signage to deter HGVs:**  
Members noted the request and the Clerk's research which had revealed Parish Councils had the power to erect certain signs, but that permission was required from

Essex County Council (ECC) Highways. They discussed the section of road and it was agreed the road was unsuitable for motor vehicles, particularly HGVs and were therefore sympathetic to the resident's concerns.

Cllr Mrs L Shaw recommended that the item be deferred so the issue could be raised with the Local Highways Panel (LHP), following the election of a new Chairman at the LHP, which was agreed by Members.

**10. Summary of Decisions:**

- Cllr R Gardner re-elected as Chairman for the civic year 2017-18.
- Cllr S May elected as Vice Chairman for the civic year 2017-18.
- Decision around the erection of a sign to deter HGVs along an unmade section of Thorpe Road deferred; issue to be raised at the LHP following the election of their Chairman.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:18pm

Chairman